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The EXAMINER.

From Monday *February* 16, to Friday *February* 19, 1712.

Dii, quibus imperium eſt animarum, Umbræq; ſilentes,
Sit mihi fas arcana loqui; ſit, numine veſtro,
Pandere res altâ terrâ & caligine merſas. Virgil.

I Ever look'd on Zeal for a *Faction* to be the Fever of the Soul: It renders the Patient delirious, and deprives him of that Senſe, which ſhould Co-operate with other outward Applications intended for his Health and Repoſe. Hence ſome have argued, but how juſtly I will not ſay, for the neceſſity of providing *Keepers* for thoſe, who are troubled with this Diſtemper; and others have gone on multiplying new Diſputes no leſs perplexing, concerning the Conduct of theſe Keepers; as whether to Humour or Contradict the Lunatick in every thing he propoſes, be the beſt Method of Practice, in order to his Recovery. But not to ſtrain a *Metaphor* quite ſo far, as ſome of that Party, for whoſe good I intend it, have carried their Extravagances; I am willing to believe, there are ſome among them, who are only *touch'd*; and have as yet but a few Symptoms of the *Epidemical Frenzy* come out upon them: For theſe I am every day preparing my *Medicines*, and labouring to prevent any further Infection. I find by Experience, that the deſire of Propagation is as ſtrong in Party as in Nature; and a Rake in Politicks, when his Inclinations are violent, is too apt to give Credit to the firſt *Hackney Whig* that picks him up, when he confidently aſſures the caſie Stroller in the uſual Style,——*I give you my Word I am Sound, my Dear!*——But now could I bring one of theſe Adventurers into a cloſe Cabal of the Leaders of his Party, where he might ſtand *Incog*, and hear the Wretches openly boaſt of ſpreading the Infection, conſult and deliberate upon the Tricks and Stratagems of the Fraternity, laugh at the ſenſeleſs *Cullies* whoſe Pockets they had pick'd, and defil'd their Perſons, I ſhould not be out of Hopes to Reform theſe miſguided Creatures, and make a perfect Cure of them, whom, in ſpite of their Obſtinacy, I ſtill profeſs to have under my Care. Till ſuch a lucky Incident can be happily brought about, I ſhall, by way of ample Equivalent, lay before the *Whigs* a *Journal of the Proceedings of a Club*, in which their *Archons* or *Governors* conſtantly meet; to debate and conclude upon ſuch Meaſures, as are to be taken by the Party upon every publick Emergence: Here thoſe *Heads* of the Faction, that are not ſatisfied with their Adherence to Shoulders, ſpeak and manage without reſerve. Hither I refer the deluded *Whigs*, for a plain Account of their firſt Principles; thoſe monſtrous Abſurdities, which are daily given out for the Exerciſe of their *Implicit Faith*: This is my *Preſcription*, my *Grand Electuary*: I make up nothing of my own, but only ſhew them what they take from others; which, I hope, will be enough to deter them from following *Quacks* and *Mountebanks*, notwithſtanding their Feats of *Tumbling* and *Vaulting*, or their inveigling Talent of *Oratory*. If Enquiry be made, how I came by this *Journal*, I anſwer in the Words of a *Great Man* upon the famous Caſe of *Spy-Money*; *The very Nature of the* Service *requires it ſhould be kept Secret*: And if this were allow'd as a good *Plea*, after the *Service* there meant was expir'd, it makes a much ſtronger Apology for me, who am not yet about to proclaim a *Ceſſation of Arms*, though the common Enemy ſhould agree to the Propoſal. But to prove my Journal *Genuine* and *Authentick*, I muſt appeal to ſeveral late Facts and Appearances, which will juſtifie the *Reſolutions* and *Orders* of the *Board*; to whoſe Wiſdom, and not to Chance, I am inclin'd to aſcribe all the Modern Wonders of their Conduct.

The FIRST NIGHT.

Ordered, That the Committee for *common Reports* do examin, what Political Lyes are Expired, or about to Expire, and which of them are proper to be Revived.

Ordered, That a compleat Liſt of the *Whiſpers* of Yeſterday be laid before the ſaid Committee.

A Petition of ſeveral Diſtreſſed *Whigs*, in behalf of themſelves and others, ſetting forth, That whereas by the gracious Licence and Permiſſion of this *Society*, they were ſuffered to continue in Places of Truſt and Profit, under the preſent Adminiſtration of Affairs, and humbly repreſenting, That they are moſt arbitrarily and unjuſtly depriv'd of ſeveral *Perquiſites* formerly enjoy'd by them, whereby they are made Parties to a Precedent which may be of evil Conſequence in time to come, to the great Scandal and Offence of tender Conſciences, and praying ſuch Relief, touching the Premiſes, as to this Honourable *Society* ſhall ſeem good.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Lords of the Committee, who are appointed to draw up a *Teſt* or *Teſts*, to be taken by all ſuch to whom the ſaid *Licence* or *Permiſſion* has or ſhall be granted, and that they make their Report thereupon.

A Complaint being made to the *Society*, that the *Devil*, commiſſion'd and employ'd by them, in the late Expedition to *Charing-Croſs*, was violently there ſeized and committed to Cuſtody.

Reſolved, That this *Society* will ſtand by and ſupport all their Allies and Confederates, in the carrying on of the common Cauſe, according to the ſeveral Treaties and Engagements entred into with the ſaid High Allies.

Reſolved, That the Seizing and Impriſoning any *Devil* or *Devils*, who are Members of this *Society*, or employ'd in their Service, is Arbitrary and Illegal, tending to the Subverſion of the Rights and Privileges of this *Society*.

Ordered, That the *Door-keeper* attending this *Society*, do go and demand the ſaid *Devil* in Perſon, and Summons him to attend the Service of this *Society*.

Reſolved, That a Sum not exceeding . . . . . be granted towards defraying the Loſſes ſuſtain'd by ſeveral diſabled *Ballad-makers*, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Debate ariſing, Whether ſuch Members of this *Society*, as are Writers in *Proſe*, ought to be entitled to a Share in the Dividend ariſing by the Circulation of Poetical Pamphlets.

Ordered, That the ſaid Debate be adjourn'd to this Day Seven-night, when the *Hawkers* in *Verſe* are to be heard againſt the *General Comprehenſion*.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe or Clauſes be inſerted in the ſaid Comprehenſion, in favour of ſuch *Reviſor* or *Reviſors*, as ſhall republiſh any Book or Pamphlet, not within the Benefit of the ſaid Comprehenſion, provided there be a *new Preface* annex'd to it.

ADJOURNED.

The SECOND NIGHT.

Ordered, That the Call of the *Society* be put off to this Day *Three-weeks*.

Reſolved, That no Member of this *Society* be allowed to excuſe his Attendance on account of any Wench or Woman

Woman, if it ſhall appear, that ſuch Wench or Woman be Diſaffected or Malignant, or wear her Patches on the wrong ſide.

Ordered, That Glaſſes be brought in.

Reſolved, That no Loyal *Toaſt* for Health or Happineſs be admitted as current, unleſs the ſame be follow'd by another of Damnation or Confuſion, and nothing to intervene.

The humble Petition of the Societies or Offices of *Inſurance from Loſs by Fire*, complaining of the great Damage lately ſuſtain'd by them, and the juſt Apprehenſions they lie under of being totally ruined and undone, unleſs ſome timely Proviſion be made for them, was brought up and read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition contains ſeveral uncuſt Reflections upon ſome worthy Members of this *Society*, and is highly prejudicial to the *Proteſtant* Religion.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Propoſal was made and received for the Encouragement of *Bonfires* and *Illuminations*.

Reſolved, That this *Society* will grant no Protection, Licenſe or Encouragement for any Murders, Burnings, Plunderings, Devaſtations, or other Acts of Hoſtility, but ſuch only as ſhall be warranted by the *Ordinance* of *March* 10. 1646, or the *Statute* of *Primo Protectoris*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Committee of *Moderation* do meet and ſit every *Tueſday*, at Four in the Afternoon.

It paſſed in the *Negative*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be diſcharged from any further Service.

Reſolved, That any State or Potentate, who does not keep up his *Quota* of Forces and carry on the War, is incapable of being a *Guarrantee* for the *Proteſtant Succeſſion*.

Reſolved, That to Aſſert, Maintain and Publiſh, That the majority of the Nation are for bringing in Popery, or do intend to forſwear themſelves, is of great Service to the Publick, and the only way to ſecure the *Proteſtant Succeſſion*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to encourage all ſuch *Diſſenters* as are willing to expoſe themſelves to *Sale by the Candle*, for the Support of the Common Cauſe; and for making out *Debentures*, to become due at a certain time, with Intereſt *ad valorem*.

Ordered, That the Project for *Searing* Tender Conſciences be examined on *Tueſday* next.

Went in a grand Committee on Ways and Means for raiſing *Recruits* for the Year enſuing.

Ordered, That all the *Money'd* Men, who are Members of this *Society*, have leave to go into the Country upon *Special* Occaſions.

ADJOURNED.

The THIRD NIGHT.

Mr. *Huſk* reported from the Committee for inſpecting the Preſs, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which were delivered in, and, with ſome Amendments, agreed unto by the *Society*.

Reſolved, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall accept of any Applauſe, Dedication-Money, Place, Preferment, Fee, or Gratuity, for writing and publiſhing any Blaſphemy, Prophaneſs, Immorality, Falſhood, Hereſie or Schiſm whatever, for and in behalf of the Common Cauſe, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons upon their retracting the ſame, and going over to the diſaffected Party, ſhall be *ipſo facto* deem'd, taken, and treated, as Enemies to the *Chriſtian* Religion.

Reſolved, That for any Magiſtrate, or other *Whig* in Authority, to refuſe to Indemnify, Maintain or Abett, any Lie, Scandal, or Calumny, Invented or Propagated by any Member of this *Society*, or thoſe commiſſioned by them, is a direct infringement of *Quam diu ſe bene geſſerit*; and every Perſon ſo offending ſhall, upon the firſt Turn of Affairs, be proſecuted accordingly.

Reſolved, That for Authors of the ſame ſide to *Think freely* or *Examine fairly*, and under that Pretence to differ from any of their Brethren, whether on account of Religion, Honeſty, good Manners, Truth, or any other Point purely *Speculative* or *Ceremonial*, is of dangerous Conſequence, and highly prejudicial to the Common Cauſe.

Reſolved, That no Proſecution begun by this *Society*, for Offences or Miſdemeanors merely *verbal*, whether in the way of Hint, Innuendo, Miſpriſion of Banter, or the like, ſhall be conſtru'd, taken or adjudged, as a *Precedent* for any Proceedings in time to come, during the preſent Adminiſtration; of which all Magiſtrates and Miniſters of Juſtice are to take notice, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Peril.

Ordered, That the Committee who were to enquire into Peace, Plenty, Trade, Credit, and other Grievances of the Nation, do make their Report to Morrow Morning.

The *Secretary* for *Foreign Affairs* attended according to Order, and gave in a Summary Account of the ſeveral Manufactures and Branches of Trade, demanded by the High Allies of this *Society*, as an Equivalent for their Friendſhip and good Affections; as alſo the Names of ſuch of the *Cinque Ports* as they have undertaken to Garriſon at their own Charge, for the better Security of the *Proteſtant Religion*. And then he withdrew.

Reſolved, That no Peace be made with *Great Britain*, till *Gibraltar*, *Port Mahon*, and the *Iſland* of *Minorca*, be reſtored to the *Emperor*.

A Motion being made and the Queſtion being put, That whoever ſhall expend any Sum or Sums of Money at the enſuing *Elections*, for the Service of the Well-affected, ſhall be reimburſed out of ſuch Monies, as ſhall ariſe from the *general Mortgage*, to be laid on the Eſtates Real and Perſonal of the ſeveral *Electors*.

It paſſed in the *Affirmative*.

ADJOURNED to The GRÆCIAN.

Theſe *Acts* and *Monuments* will, I believe, raiſe the ſame juſt Indignation in the *Reader*, which I immediately conceived, upon the firſt peruſal of them, on account of that *Mock-Authority* with which they are delivered: On the other Hand it muſt be no unedifying Amuſement, to ſee how deform'd and miſhappen the Notions and Projects of the *Faction* appear, whilſt they are in *Embryo*, naked and undiſguis'd. As all the Operations of the *Whigs*, now depending, proceed upon the Foot of theſe Original Meaſures and Directions, by tracing them to their Riſe we ſhall be better able to look through thoſe Tricks and Artifices, which are made uſe of to give a Colour and Gloſs to the Abſurdity of their Principles, and to Palm them upon their Followers as Sound and Orthodox; and may at the ſame time detect the Fallacies and Falſe-Reaſoning, ſo common to their Authors and Defenders; thoſe *Confectioners* of the Preſs, who can Candy over and Perfume the Bittereſt and moſt unpalatable Ingredient. Only by the way, I would have them take notice of the Favour I here do them, by convincing the World, that how oddly ſoever they may Act, Speak, and Write, they don't do it without Authority, but keep cloſe to their *Inſtructions*.

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